

**CITY OF WARD
ORDINANCE NO O-2025-29**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-27; PRESCRIBING A CHANGE IN THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER, WASTEWATER AND OTHER SERVICES AND FEES RENDERED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

WHEREAS, THE ACT 605 OF 2021 WATER RATE STUDY completed in February 2024 by the Arkansas Rural Water Association requires that all water, wastewater, and associated fees be increased by a minimum of 3% per year as codified in Ordinance O-2024-27.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1 – CHANGE IN WATER RATES: Replace **Section 3** Monthly Water Rates with the following:

MONTHLY WATER RATES

The amount to be paid by each residential and commercial customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

RESIDENTIAL INSIDE CITY LIMIT RATES

Gallons	Size of Meter	Cost
First 1,000 Gallons	5/8" or 3/4"	\$25.37
First 1,000 Gallons	1"	\$26.01
First 1,000 Gallons	1 1/2"	\$26.01
First 1,000 Gallons	2"	\$41.27
First 1,000 Gallons	3"	\$52.37
First 1,000 Gallons	4"	\$64.76
First 1,000 Gallons	6"	\$88.35
Remaining Usage	All	\$9.33 per 1,000 Gallons

RESIDENTIAL OUTSIDE CITY LIMIT RATES

Gallons	Size of Meter	Cost
First 1,000 Gallons	5/8" or 3/4"	\$25.37
First 1,000 Gallons	1"	\$26.01
First 1,000 Gallons	1 1/2"	\$26.01
First 1,000 Gallons	2"	\$41.27
First 1,000 Gallons	3"	\$52.37
First 1,000 Gallons	4"	\$64.76

First 1,000 Gallons	6"	\$88.35
Remaining Usage	All	\$11.03 per 1,000 Gallons

COMMERCIAL RATES

Gallons	Size of Meter	Cost
First 1,000 Gallons	5/8" or 3/4"	\$25.37
First 1,000 Gallons	1"	\$26.01
First 1,000 Gallons	1 1/2"	\$26.01
First 1,000 Gallons	2"	\$41.27
First 1,000 Gallons	3"	\$52.37
First 1,000 Gallons	4"	\$64.76
First 1,000 Gallons	6"	\$88.35
Remaining Usage	All	\$11.03 per 1,000 Gallons

SPRINKLER OR GARDEN METER

Gallons	Size of Meter	Cost
First 1,000 Gallons	5/8" or 3/4"	\$25.37
First 1,000 Gallons	1"	\$26.01
First 1,000 Gallons	1 1/2"	\$26.01
First 1,000 Gallons	2"	\$41.27
First 1,000 Gallons	3"	\$52.37
First 1,000 Gallons	4"	\$64.76
First 1,000 Gallons	6"	\$88.35
Remaining Usage	All	\$11.03 per 1,000 Gallons

SECTION 2 – CHANGE IN MISCELLANEOUS WATER FEES: Replace **Section 3a** Installation Fees with the following:

a. Installation Fees:

3/4 Inch Single Meter Loop (Hard Set) ¹	\$1,143.27
3/4 Inch Single Meter Loop (Soft Set) ²	\$319.28
3/4 Inch Double Meter Loop (Hard Set)	\$1,472.02
1 Inch Single Meter Loop (Hard Set)	\$1,407.74
2 Inch Single Meter Loop (Hard Set)	\$3,952.43
Road Crossing – Cut and Repair	\$1,106.39
Road Bore	\$421.48

¹ Hard Set includes Meter Box and Meter Loop and setting of the Meter

² Soft Set includes setting of the Meter only

SECTION 3 – CHANGE IN WASTEWATER (SEWER) RATES: Replace **Section 8** Monthly Wastewater (Sewer) Rates with the following:

MONTHLY WASTEWATER (SEWER) RATES

The amount to be paid by each residential and commercial customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

Sewer	Rate
0-1,000 gal (min bill)	\$15.02
1001-2000	\$5.53
2001-3000	\$5.53
3001-4000	\$6.05
4001-5000	\$6.85
5001-6000	\$7.11
6001 +	\$7.38

SECTION 4 – CHANGE IN MISCELLANEOUS WASTEWATER (SEWER) FEES: Replace **Section 9a** Miscellaneous Wastewater (Sewer) Fees with the following:

a. Installation Fees:

Tapping Fee Up to 4' (deeper depths require additional costs)	\$462.60
Connection Fee for Connection to City Sewer Main	\$102.80
Inspection Fee	\$41.12
Re-Inspection Fee	\$41.12
Road Crossing Cut and Repair up to 4' Depth	\$1,439.20
Road Bore up to 2"	\$616.80

SECTION 5 – EFFECTIVE DATES:

- The water and sewer rates listed in **Section 1 and Section 3** will become effective with the first full billing cycle in January 2026 after the 30-day period following passage of the Ordinance.
- The rates for the fees listed in **Section 2 and Section 4** will become effective 30 days after passage or January 1, 2026 whichever is later.

SAID ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON 11-18-25.

Brooke No, Chapman Yes, Hall Yes, Hefner Absent, McMinn Yes, Ruble Yes

YEAS: 4 NAYS: 1

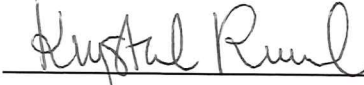
Mayor (if needed) _____

APPROVED:



Charles Gastineau, Mayor

ATTEST:



Krystal Rummel, City Clerk

